

COL. McELROY NOTED IN G. A. R. CIRCLES

Acting Commander of Department of Potomac One of Most Popular Veterans.

One of the most popular and best known veterans at the encampment is Col. John McElroy, acting commander of the Department of the Potomac, entertaining the visiting survivors.

Colonel McElroy is nationally prominent in G. A. R. circles because he has been editor of the National Tribune, official organ of the G. A. R., for many years. He has delivered patriotic addresses in practically every city in the North, East, and West, and on many occasions has visited the South to further G. A. R. work.

Colonel McElroy is a walking encyclopedia on G. A. R. affairs. He knows the first and last names of every post and department commander, as well as thousands of other comrades whom he has met at the various encampments. More remarkable than this, however, he has on the tip of his tongue the date of every battle fought during the civil war, the names of the organizations on both sides which fought in the engagement, the men who commanded the Blue and the Gray and the number of killed and wounded.

Has Memorized Dates.

He has memorized about 5,000 different dates and innumerable historic places made famous by engagements or incidents in the lives of great men.

Colonel McElroy enlisted in Company C, McClelland's Body Guards, in 1862, at the age of sixteen. His early enlistment accounts for his comparatively youthful appearance today among the veterans of much greater age. In 1864 he became commander of Company L, Sixteenth Illinois Cavalry. On January 3, 1864, the battalion of which his company was a part, was surrounded by Gen. William E. Jones' Confederate brigade at Jonesville, Va., thirty-six miles from the Union lines. After a severe fight the battalion surrendered.

Of the 325 men who fought all day more than sixty were either killed or so badly wounded they were left on the field. Of the 265 men taken to prison 157 died at Belle Isle, Andersonville, Millen, Savannah, and Florence. Out of the sixty men in Colonel McElroy's command, forty-eight died.

Colonel McElroy spent fifteen months in Southern prisons and was known to his fellow-prisoners in Andersonville as "Little Illinois." He devoted most of his time in prison to attempts to escape, but never quite succeeded. Because of his ability as a penman he was frequently offered clerkships in the Andersonville, Savannah and Florence, but spurned the offers, although acceptance would have made his lot a great deal easier.

Fluent and Gifted Writer.

In addition to being a soldier, Colonel McElroy is a fluent and gifted writer. For ten years he was managing editor of the Toledo Blade, and for twenty-five years has edited the National Tribune. Among his best known books are "The Story of Andersonville," "Si Klagg and Shorty," a wonderful human interest story of the campaigns during the war; "The Struggle for Missouri," and "The Life of Abraham Lincoln."

Colonel McElroy served as senior vice commander of the G. A. R. and aspired to the office of commander-in-chief. He was pledged more than a majority of votes of the delegates, but when the ballots were counted he, like many another candidate, realized "they don't always vote as they pray." Prominent G. A. R. men are authority for the statement that Colonel McElroy is one of the most remarkable men in the organization and a man who ranks second to none in his tireless efforts for the good of the order.

Bull Tosses Farmer.

BERWICK, Pa., Sept. 28.—Tossed to the rafters of the stable by an angry bull, R. O. Shaffer, twenty-six old, Zenith, narrowly escaped death before being rescued by his father. He landed on the bull's head after striking the rafters and was tossed a second time, two of his ribs being fractured.

Veteran Who Invited His Comrades to Capital



COL. JOHN McELROY,
Acting Commander Department of
the Potomac.

ALASKA VETERANS ARE "LOST" IN CITY

"Please Come Register," Pleads
Boy Scout Seeley At Camp Emery.

Washington and Alaska have disappeared.

The State of Washington and territory of Alaska seem to have fallen completely out of sight, so far as the veterans attending the encampment are concerned. And, according to First-Class Scout Seeley, of the Boy Scouts, there are more people looking for Washington and Alaska than any other States of the Union.

Seeley is a mite of a youngster, who has been making himself indispensable to Director General Harry Standford at Camp Emery. Stationed at the directors' desk the boy has been always alert.

It is breaking Seeley's heart that Alaska and Washington veterans have failed to give proper notification of their whereabouts to headquarters. He declares he is compelled to deny all knowledge of them more often than he is called upon to do anything else. It would really make the youngster happy, according to Mr. Standford, if someone would kindly slip him the information as to where these two organizations have their headquarters. Mr. Standford wants to know himself.

McKinley Church Makes Appeal For Subscriptions

An appeal is being made to the old comrades of former President William McKinley, officers and members of the G. A. R. and the public in general to join in the campaign now on to raise \$5,000 to pay off the present indebtedness of the McKinley Memorial Church, Fourth and L streets northwest. It is planned to hold the dedicatory exercises of the church during the encampment should there be a prompt response to this appeal. Checks should be made payable to Charles J. Bell, president of the American Security and Trust Company.

CAMPAIGN FOR W. R. C. PRESIDENCY LIVELY

Election Will Be Held Thursday Night—Mrs. Bahrenberg, of Illinois, Leading.

With two days yet remaining before the election of officers for the Woman's Relief Corps, interest is becoming intense among the nearly 100 delegates now registered at headquarters in the Raleigh.

Four candidates occupy the center of the stage, Mrs. Carrie Alexander Bahrenberg, of Beloit, Ill.; Mrs. Isabel Worrell Hall, of this city; Mrs. Lois Knapp, of Ohio, and Mrs. Lue Howard Wardworth, of Massachusetts.

It is a little too early to prophesy who will win the election. It is declared, but campaign managers are working hard and point out the plying of different delegations to their respective candidates.

Mrs. Bahrenberg leads among the Western delegates, claiming all of Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, California, Colorado, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, a part of Indiana, and even invading the East to claim Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, and a part of the Maine delegation.

To Elect Thursday.

Second in apparent strength is Mrs. Hall, prominent on account of her activity in Washington. Mrs. Knapp has the pledge of many delegates from the Middle West. Mrs. Wardworth claims the votes of most of the Eastern delegates.

Section of officers will not take place until Thursday afternoon, when the business session will be held at the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church, John Marshall place and O street. This business session will open promptly at 2 o'clock.

At this meeting also will be given the annual address of the national president, exchange of greetings between the different departments of the organization, presentation of a memorial flag to the Sunday school of the church, and other business. The meeting will close with the customary memorial services.

Matters of a routine business nature occupied members of the national council during their morning at room 206 of the Raleigh.

At 11:30 this morning the national inspection held a conference with all past national presidents to receive reports of the past year's work and give instructions for future work.

The first regular session of the Woman's Relief Corps will be held this evening in the old Census building, at 8 o'clock, when a joint meeting of all the affiliated orders of the Grand Army of the Republic will be conducted and the national inspection will be present.

This is to constitute the first semi-official meeting of the organization.

Custer's Cannon, Relic, In a Place of Honor

A real relic of the war has been given a place of honor at the main entrance to Camp Emery. It is a small gun known as Custer's Cannon and was carried by the brigade of cavalrymen under Gen. George Armstrong Custer, the youngest general officer in the Union army, during the closing days of the war. It is the property of one of the Pennsylvania posts of the G. A. R. and was placed in position yesterday afternoon.

The gun is a small brass muzzle loader. It appears particularly ancient beside the two modern rapid-fire guns that have been mounted in front of the camp entrance. These two guns were placed in position by the War Department, and represent the last word in modern artillery of their size. They are of steel, muzzle-loaders, and while they do not have the range of larger field pieces, are thoroughly modern in every respect.

Fourth Son of Roosevelt Is Honored Freshman

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 28.—Quentin Roosevelt, fourth son of Colonel Roosevelt to enter Harvard, has begun his freshman year. He expects to take the classical course. He will room in Gore Hall and will probably be a candidate for the freshman football team.

The other brothers are Theodore, Jr., and Kermit, who have graduated, and Archie, who is a Junior.

War Chaplains Will Continue Activity

Welfare Work Among Nation's De-fenders Interests Survivors of Organization.

Survivors of the Chaplains' Association have been assigned quarters in room 34, at Camp Matthew G. Emery. The chaplain-in-chief of the G. A. R., the Rev. O. J. Nave, is president of the organization.

The organization will conduct meetings at headquarters in the interests of soldiers and sailors welfare work. It is now engaged in the carrying on of religious work among the soldiers and sailors of the nation, just as it was during the days of the civil war. Its purpose is to continue this as long as any members of the organization survive. Visitors are welcome at organization headquarters.

PALMER PREDICTS SPLENDID PARADE

Commander-in-Chief Declares
Capital Has Done Itself
Proud in Its Preparations.

Commander-in-chief Palmer expressed the opinion today that tomorrow's parade would be one of the best in the history of the G. A. R.

"If this fine weather continues, I look for a splendid turnout," said Colonel Palmer. "It is ideal weather for the parade to march, and they will turn out in force if the sun shines. We ought to have a big parade tomorrow, because this is semi-centennial year, and the G. A. R. is here in force in commemoration of it."

Asked what he thought of the stage setting for the encampment, Colonel Palmer said: "Without drawing any comparisons, for we have been treated royally in every city in which we have met, want to say that Washington has done itself proud in preparing for this reunion."

"The city is most beautifully decorated in honor of the G. A. R. Camp Emery is one of the best places ever prepared for our business sessions and general rendezvous, and the hospitality of the people of the city is unequalled. Yesterday I called at the White House to pay my respects to President Wilson, and notify him that the Grand Army of the Republic was formed and at his service. Although the meeting was very brief, it was most cordial, and I took occasion to thank the President for all that he has done to facilitate this year's encampment. He extended a warm welcome to me and the G. A. R. as an organization, and I know he was sincere when he said we were welcome to the Capital City, for everything that has been said and done here since the veterans have been pouring into the city has demonstrated that we are welcome."

Commander-in-chief Palmer called a meeting of the administrative council of the G. A. R. today for the discussion of business matters to come before the encampment when it is formally called to order Thursday morning.

Bull Charges Into Auto.

HORICON, Wis., Sept. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rusch and family while motoring from Germantown met a ferocious bull. The animal charged the automobile, crumpled up the fender, and plunked his horns into the radiator.

The motorists escaped without serious damage, though the bull narrowly missed upsetting the machine.

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EXPECT VETERANS OF MONITOR FIGHT

Two Men Who Survived Sea Battle in Hampton Roads May Be At Meeting.

Two veterans of the most famous sea fight in the history of the civil war, the battle between the Monitor and the Merrimack, are expected to report to the commanding officer of the Naval Veterans' Association at Camp Emery today. These are William Durant, of Philadelphia, and Seaman Driscoll, of the Soldiers' Home at Hampton, Va.

According to Commodore Van Tassel, of the Naval Veterans, these are the only two men who will attend the encampment who were members of the Monitor. It was expected that three members of the crew of the Kearsarge at the time of the battle with the Alabama, would attend the encampment, but the delegation from Boston, where these men live, came yesterday afternoon without them. The three are reported to be old and in bad health, so that the journey would be too much for them.

Assistant Director General Harry A. Johnston, although not a veteran of the civil war, in the sense that he served in either the army or navy, has the distinction of being one of the few men in Washington who saw the fight between the Monitor and the Merrimack. Dr. Johnston was a small boy at the time and lived in Norfolk. He went to Newport News the day of the great fight and saw the whole affair. Because of that Dr. Johnston has been received with honors by the naval veterans and is considered almost one of them.

Sister Cities' Day Is Observed At Denver

DENVER, Sept. 28.—"Sister Cities' Day," of the International Soil-Products Exposition, being held here, was celebrated today by the mayors and city officials of cities and towns within 200 miles of Denver, who were guests of the exposition. These cities are displaying the largest agricultural exhibits. They will have an opportunity to use what is being done by other localities. Representatives from all the federated women's clubs of Colorado were also present. They were entertained by the clubwomen of Denver.



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